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Botanischer Garten zu Hamburg

den 6 October 1833

Dr Gray, Witten Gymnasium.

Sir!

Your kind letter of the 28th of October last, Your most friendly offers and the package accompanying the same have indeed highly rejoiced me. Please accept in return my sincere thanks and the assurance, that I will with pleasure endeavour to meet Your wishes as much as possible. I have indeed since a long time wished to enter in connection with a truly active Botanist in Your country, but hitherto rather in vain, for though I have forwarded some not inconsiderable packages, viz. to Dr Torrey in Newyork and M^r Abr. Halley, I received not only no returns, but even not a line acknowledging the receipt.

By a chance that was nearly to have occasioned the entire loss of Your most interesting parcel, I obtained it much later as it ought to have come to hand, a circumstance which may serve to excuse my retarded answer. Indeed nearly all the plants which You have sent, are welcome ones, chiefly the favored of which I should be desirous to receive henceforward more species and also of such as I have now received more

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more specimens for my friends on our continent. All North American plants, if not already since a long time sufficiently known and entered in our gardens, will be very welcome, especially such ones as have been recently discovered or described by North American Botanists. Even now I possess of the genus *Quercus* scarcely any spontaneous specimens in my collection and should therefore be glad to obtain all your native species. Likewise all species of the genus *Potentilla*, and all the Hepaticae, now chiefly an object of my examinations, interest me very much, and in particular I wish to obtain Original specimens of such Hepaticae as have been described by Schweinitz and other recent Botanists of your country. Besides, having the direction of a botanical garden esteemed no inconsiderable one, I would be very thankful for all such seeds, bulbs and tubers which might serve to enrich the same. The catalogue of our living plants (all annual and biannual excepted) will acquaint you in general with such we possess already.

You see dear Sir, I do not hesitate to tell you all my wishes, partly because you have been kind enough to permit it, but also as I dare hope to find myself always enabled to provide for welcome returns.

For the present I send you about 500 species of dried plants amongst which about 200 of the rarest of good hope, 75 rarities and the rest of some of the other families which you have named, also as much genuine species of *Salix* as I found for the moment to part with. Hereafter I may be able to offer yet many more of your desiderata.

Of botanical books I send you some ones which I esteem to be the most valuable of those recently published, and add to them some small tracts of my own. I had entreated my friend Nees von Esenbuck to send me dried specimens of all the species of *Aster* cultivated in his rich garden, in order to be able to transmit to you with the monography the original specimens, and had his promise that he would care for it, but as the said specimens are not yet come to hand, I must beg you to expect them with my next package.

Pray acquaint me always with what plants or other objects you wish to obtain, and be assured that I shall at any time with pleasure endeavour to meet your desire as much as possible.

I remain dear Sir
with sincere esteem
Truly Yours
Lehmann

Hamburg 11th November 1833

To the foregoing duplicate of my letter of the 6th of October, I have only to add, that the box containing the plants and books has been shipped on board the *Hampton*, Capt. Ward, agreeable to your direction to the care of Elisha Parker and may have come to hand before this.

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To

Dr. Asa

Utica Gymnasium

Care of Rutha Packard
No. 184 Wall St.

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